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**Administrative Director Declares Illinois Associate Judge  
Appointments in the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit**

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Cynthia Y. Cobbs, Director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, announced today that the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit judges voted to select Neal W. Cerne, Peter W. Ostling and Richard D. Russo as associate judges of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit.

Mr. Cerne received his undergraduate degree in 1983 from Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois and his MBA in 1985 from the University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois; and his Juris Doctor in 1988 from Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Cerne has been affiliated with the law firm of Cerne & McSwain in Wheaton, Illinois.

Mr. Ostling received his undergraduate degree in 1981 from Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana and his M.Div. in 2001 from Northern Seminary, Lombard, Illinois; and his Juris Doctor in 1984 from the University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois. Ms. Ostling has been engaged in solo practice in Elmhurst, Illinois.

Mr. Russo received his undergraduate degree in 1974 from DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois; and his Juris Doctor in 1978 from The John Marshall Law School, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Russo has been affiliated with the law firm of Richard D. Russo in Wheaton, Illinois.